LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

JANUARY 1, 2018 - DECEMBER 31, 2019



CELEBRATING 45 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY



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COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES COMMISSIONERS BY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT JANUARY 2018 – DECEMBER 2019

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Michelle Ann Babitz (4th District) (Served from 04/04/17 to 9/18/2020)



John R. James (3rd District) (Served from 09/15/2009 to 06/28/2019)



Katherine George Chu (4th District) (Served from 03/14/2017 to 03/04/2020)

MISSION STATEMENT & ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Mission Statement

When the Commission was established in 1975, the Commission was charged to advise the Board on a range of issues affecting the lives of people with disabilities and to take actions to achieve a barrier-free County where people with disabilities have equal access to programs and services.

To implement this guiding principle/mission, the Commission and its Committees focus on issues of health, employment, education, housing, transportation, access, and recreation. The Commission also monitors the quality of municipal services, evaluates policy, recommends improvements to existing laws, and provides scholarships to students with disabilities through fundraising efforts.

In 2020, the Commission made it a goal to adopt a Mission Statement. On October 21, 2020, the Commission adopted the following Mission Statement, "The Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities' mission is to advocate and represent the best interest of people with disabilities, promote equal access to all County resources and services, and lead a barrier-free environment to an independent community life and activities. The Commission works to promote inclusion, provides educational opportunities, and champions the needs of all."

Role and Responsibilities

The Commission's role and responsibilities, in compliance with its Ordinance, are to:

- A. With the assistance of County Departments and others, advise the Board on the unique needs of people with disabilities, including, but not limited to, the areas of health, employment, education, public attitudes, barriers, and recreation;
- B. Conduct studies and make recommendations to the Board for improvement of policies, systems and procedures in any areas the Commission feels are necessary, in the best interest of people with disabilities;
- C. Cooperate with organizations seeking to improve services to people with disabilities, promote activities for people with disabilities, and advise the Board on the efforts and activities being made for people with disabilities by other government agencies and private organizations;

Role and Responsibilities (Continued)

- D. Evaluate the adequacy of existing laws and proposed legislation related to people with disabilities from the County's point of view, and suggest necessary legislation which the County may wish to sponsor;
- E. Study and report on matters referred for such review by the Board; and
- F. Distribute scholarships to recipients deemed appropriate by a majority of the Commission, when funds are available in the determination of a majority of the Commission. Recipients may include, but are not limited to, high school, college, or trade school students with a disability who seek to further their education. Any receipt or distribution of funds pursuant to section shall be done in coordination with and pursuant to any procedures established by the Executive Office of the Board.

Additionally, pursuant to the Ordinance governing this body, the Commission has the authority to raise funds in order to subsidize and enable any scholarships distributed pursuant to Section 3.28.100 (F). These fundraising activities may include benefits, solicitations for donations, campaigns, or any other type of charitable event which has been approved by the County's Chief Executive Office.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Historical Background

The Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities was established by the Board on June 20, 1975, to advise the Board on disability issues. This year in 2020, the Commission celebrates 45 years of leadership and advocacy.

Members of the Commission were selected to represent a broad variety of disabilities and disability services; and included a representative from the State Department of Rehabilitation. Further, the Commission was mandated by the Board to:

- Keep abreast of disability-related community problems, develop disability laws and regulations, and provide testimony, reports, evaluations and recommendations to the Board;
- Work closely with the County's ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)
 Compliance Officer, and various County Departments to devise innovative approaches to problem-solving and to ensure full and equal access to all phases of County Programs and facilities; and
- Hold open meetings and public hearings to address issues of common concern to the disability community.

ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Annual Workplan

Annual Work Plan for the Commission this year is to:

- Collaborate with the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) to improve
 housing opportunities for people with disabilities, specifically those with individuals with
 intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). In 2020, the Commission sent a letter
 to the Board with recommendations on how to achieve better housing outcomes for the
 I/DD population. The Commission's Policies on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
 Ad-Hoc Committee continues to collaborate with LACDA and Los Angeles Homeless
 Services Authority (LAHSA) to yield better outcomes for the individuals with I/DD;
- Work with the LAHSA to assist with a better process to gather information and more accurately quantify the I/DD population within LAHSA's Homeless Counts;
- Collaborate with Access Services Inc. (ASI) for a Countywide expansion of ASI's Parents with Disabilities Program, a program that provides transportation services to parents of students with disabilities;
- Collaborate with the Los Angeles County Department of Human Resources (DHR) to improve County employment opportunities for people with disabilities, including the establishment of a Commission Ad-Hoc Committee to review the process used by the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). Specifically, the DOR's Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP), an alternate examination and appointment process used by DOR for the recruitment and hiring of individuals with disabilities, and explore the feasibility of DHR using a similar process to LEAP;
- Explore the feasibility of holding virtual or other alternate fundraising opportunities to augment and uphold the Commission's Trust Fund to sustain the Memorial Scholarship Program;
- Improve rights, access, and inclusivity for the Lesbian Gay Transgender Bisexual Queer (LGTBQ) Community with disabilities. The Commission's LGTBQ Ad-Hoc Committee held three focus workgroups in cities of Long Beach, Downey and Los Angeles during this reporting period and ascertained that the key concern of the LGBTQ community is discrimination. Discrimination was encountered most frequently in senior assisted housing, nursing homes and in-home care environments; and
- Connect public and private programs and services within the State, County, and City of Los Angeles, and improve/streamline service delivery for the disability population.

2018-2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2018-2019 Accomplishments

Over the past two years (2018-2019), the Commission's accomplishments include:

- Presiding over twenty-one of twenty-four regularly scheduled meetings that brought to
 Commission meetings various County Departments, including the Departments of Health
 Services, Public Health, Public Works, Workforce Development Aging & Community
 Services, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and Chief Executive Office, non-profits and
 disability related-presenters, who provided information and resources in the areas, of
 health, employment, transportation, homelessness, and accessible voting, for people with
 disabilities. These meetings garnered an average of approximately 20-30 meeting
 attendees at each meeting enabling discussion on issues of common concern for
 individuals with disabilities;
- Recommending a youth to the Board for appointment to the Commission's vacant Youth Seat; currently all required categories identified in the Commission's ordinance are represented;
- Collaborating with the Department of Workforce Development Aging & Community Services, participating in, the Bringing Our Loved Ones Home (BOLOH) Initiative that was launched on February 20, 2020 by the Board to address the problem of wandering among individuals suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia, autism, and other memory-related impairments;
- Sponsoring two "Family Evenings at the Sports Museum of Los Angeles," on April 11, 2018 and April 26, 2019, respectively. Both events were attended by approximately 150 and 200 individuals, and each event provided attendees opportunities for photos and to engage with special guests, Dodger Alumni and professional baseball players, Matt Luke (2018 event) and Dennis Powell (2019 event). Most importantly, these events provided the Commission an additional fundraising revenue to sustain its Memorial Scholarship Programs;
- Investing in purchasing banners and other promotional items to bring awareness of the Commission and County services and resources and highlight the importance of the disability community in the County of Los Angeles;
- Participating as a voting member on the Access Services Inc. Board of Directors'
 meetings; the goal of the voting member is to advocate on behalf of people with
 disabilities to improve the transportation services ASI provides;

2018-2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2018-2019 Accomplishments (Continued)

- Hosting the "27th and 28th Annual Access Awards Luncheons," on October 15, 2018 and October 21, 2019, at the Omni Hotel, in honor of October's Disability Awareness Month, and to celebrate individuals/organizations that have made outstanding contributions and/or have promoted equality and accessibility for people with disabilities. Over 200 people attended each fundraising event and the events' silent auctions also yielded the Commission significant net proceeds also used to sustain the Memorial Scholarship Program. The Commission also embraced and adopted a piece of art, "The Heart of Disabilities," produced by the President of the Commission, Carlos Benavides, to highlight the special abilities of people with disabilities. "The Heart of Disabilities" has been used as a branding design for the Commission and was displayed in various forms during Disabilities Awareness Month;
- Hosting a Delegation from Hungary visiting Los Angeles County on October 5, 2018.
 Delegation was invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. The Commission shared information regarding accessibility to County programs and resources, public education and transportation, independent living centers and community-based organizations that assist people with disabilities, as well as access to recreation/entertainment;
- Awarding a total of \$25,000 in educational scholarship to help students with disabilities and veterans pursue a higher education. These scholarships were comprised of twentytwo (22), \$500 scholarships in 2018 and twenty-eight (28), \$500 scholarships in 2019.
 The Board acknowledged these students/veterans at its meetings held on June 26, 2018 and June 18, 2019;
- Participating in various outreach opportunities including the 2019 Abilities at the Los Angeles Convention Center, an annual event that brings thousands of products, services and technologies and other resources to people with different abilities. The Commission hosted a booth from February 22, 2019 to February 24, 2019, to bring awareness of the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities' activities and meetings; and
- Advocating to improve accessibility and ensure that future community planning includes
 access and barrier-free environments for people with disabilities. During this rating
 reporting period, the Events and Community Outreach Committee participated in the
 East Los Angeles Community Advisory Committee Meetings to highlight accessibly
 issues in the area.

ONGOING LONG-TERM PROJECTS

Ongoing Long-Term Projects

The Commission's ongoing long-term projects include advocating on behalf of people with disabilities to:

- Improve County employment opportunities and pave the way for people with disabilities to join the County workforce;
- Reduce homelessness and improve housing possibilities for this population;
- Review disability-related legislation that promotes inclusivity and investment in universal design from the County's point of view, and provide recommendations to the Board to support such legislation;
- Bring awareness of people and organizations that have made a positive impact on, and contributed to a barrier-free environment, in the lives of people with special abilities. Continue to host the Commission's Annual Access Awards Luncheon to honor and acknowledge these individuals;
- Hold fundraising events, if feasible to augment the Commission's Trust Account to sustain its Memorial Scholarship Program that promotes higher education for students and veterans with disabilities;
- Collaborate with relevant County Departments and/or Commissions to bring attention to the reduction of opioid use and addiction which the disability population is susceptible to, due chronic and other health issues and pain;
- Dialogue with appropriate County and State Departments, such as LACDA and LAHSA, to continue addressing and prioritizing the growing needs for housing for individuals with disabilities; and
- Explore the feasibility of collaborating with, and making recommendations to, the Board on its directive of August 4, 2020 (Item No. 10), motion by Supervisors Hahn and Kuehl, regarding the Los Angeles County's Coordinated Service for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities.

STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES

Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (AD-HOC)

Carlos Benavides, President Lourdes Caracoza, 1st Vice President Ramon Pizarro, 2nd Vice President Peggie Reyna, Treasurer

Note: Katherine George Chu, 2nd Vice President (Served 2018-19; Resigned 2020)

EVENTS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Carlos Benavides, Chair

Members: Lourdes Caracoza, Cathy Gott, Peggie Reyna, John B. Troost, Ramon Pizarro

Community Member: Louis Burns

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (AD-HOC)

John B. Troost, Chair

Member: Carlos Benavides

EDUCATION COMMITTEE (AD-HOC)

John B. Troost, Chair

Members: Carlos Benavides, Lourdes Caracoza

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (2019-20)

John B. Troost, Co-Chair Peggie Reyna, Co-Chair

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Peggie Reyna, Chair Member: VACANT

Note: Michelle Anne Babitz (Served 2017-2020; Resigned 2020)

LGBTQ DISABLED COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (AD-HOC)

VACANT, Chair

Members: Carlos Benavides, Lourdes Caracoza, Louise E. Smith

Note: Marsha D. Mitchell-Bray (Served 2017-19; Resigned 2019); Michelle Anne Babitz (Served 2017-2020; Resigned 2020)

POLICIES ON INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMITTEE (AD-HOC)

Jack Darakjian and Cathy Gott, Co-Chairs

Members: Carlos Benavides, Lourdes Caracoza

2018 & 2019 ANNUAL ACCESS AWARDS

In recognition of October as "Disability Awareness Month," Board and the Commission hold Annual Access Awards Luncheon. At this celebration, the Commission not only honors individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions and/or have promoted equality and accessibility for people with disabilities, but also highlights the special abilities of people with disabilities.

As a non-profit organization, the Commission depends solely on the proceeds generated from these luncheon celebrations, and the financial generosity of corporate friends, to sustain the Commission's Memorial Scholarship Programs and outreach to the disability community.

In October 15, 2018, the Commission and Board honored the following fourteen individuals/entities at its 27th Annual Access Awards Luncheon:

District Awardees

First District:

Dr. Tomás García, Associate Professor of American Sign Language, East Los Angeles College Second District:

Janet A. Neal, Advocate and Former Commissioner Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities

Third District:

Aaron and Rickey Bloom, Founders and Creators ETTA Israel Center

Yola Doré, Advocate and Board Member City of West Hollywood Disabilities Advisory Board Anny Semonco, Advocate and Board Member City of West Hollywood Disabilities Advisory Board

Fourth District:

Outpatient Services Leadership Team Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

Fifth District:

Kathleen Barajas, Advocate and 2016 Ms. Wheelchair of California

Community-At-Large Awardees

Chairperson's Award:

Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Louis Herrera, Customer Programs Outreach Specialist Southern California Gas Company

> Jane Small Advocacy Award: San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center

Bill Tainter Public Service Award:Kenneth S. Howard, Community Advocate

Nadia Powers Leadership Award:

Vanessa O. Smith, Director of Programs and Services Metro Customer Care Department

Billy Barty Media/Sports Award:

Tracy Broughton, Model and Community Advocate

Pearl Ella Johnson Community Service Award:

Dr. Barry Lavay, Professor Kinesiology Department California State University, Long Beach

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ANNUAL ACCESS AWARDS LUNCHEONS (Continued)

On October 21, 2019, the Commission and Board honored the following thirteen individuals/entities at its 28th Annual Access Awards Luncheon, also held at the Omni Hotel in Los Angeles:

District Awardees

First District:

Elizabeth Jinzo, Executive Director, D.E.S.I. Designated Exceptional Services for Independence

> <u>Third District:</u> New Horizons

<u>Fourth District</u>: Kirk Moody, Community Advocate <u>Second District</u>: Mark Anthony Campoy, Instructor Exceptional Children's Foundation

<u>Fifth District</u>: Pietro Rosetti, Chief Executive Officer FVO Solutions, Inc.

Community-At-Large Awardees

<u>Chairperson's Award</u>: Global Paratransit, Inc. <u>Bill Tainter Public Service Award:</u> Andre Colaiace, Executive Director Access Services, Inc.

<u>Billy Barty Media/Sports Award</u>
Dennis Powell, Professional Baseball Player
Los Angeles Dodgers Alumni League

Jane Small Advocacy Award
Jane Lutz, Student Advisor
Braille Institute

<u>Pearl Ella Johnson Community Service Award</u>:
East San Gabriel Valley Special Education Local Plan Area
Community Advisory Committee

<u>Nadia Powers Leadership Award</u>
Seyed "Amir" Torabzadeh, Engineer/TASAS Coordinator
California Department of Transportation

<u>Harley D. Rubenstein Caregiver Award:</u>
Greg Thompson, Executive Director
Personal Assistance Services Council of Los Angeles

Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Veteran's Award:
Rudy Contreras, Chief Executive Officer
Southern California Resource Services for Independent
Living (SCRS-IL)

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FAMILY EVENING AT THE SPORTS MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES FUNDRASING EVENTS

During this reporting period (2018/2019), the Commission partnered with the Sports Museum of Los Angeles to host two "Family Evening at the Museum" fundraising events on April 11, 2018 and April 26, 2019, at the privately-owned Sports Museum of Los Angeles, located in Downtown Los Angeles.

The Museum is the home to some of the most treasured possessions in sports history, and includes monumental keepsakes from various sports teams that include baseball, basketball, football, tennis, boxing, biking, and horse racing memorabilia. The museum's walls hold numerous galleries of priceless sports collections that are the ultimate sports fan's dream to admire.

Both fundraising events offered attendees a tour of the unique Museum and a stadium-themed entrée catered by So-Cal Burgers Chill and Grill. In addition, Matt Luke (Outfielder) and Dennis Powell (Pitcher), former players for the Los Angeles Dodgers, made special appearances at the Museum offering autographs and photo opportunities to event attendees.

These fundraisers not only offered attendees a memorable experience, but also yielded the Commission an additional fundraising stream. Proceeds generated from both events were used to support the Commission's educational Scholarship Programs and general operations of the Commission.



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2018/2019 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Since 2003, the Commission has provided scholarships to young men and women with disabilities that reside in Los Angeles County. These scholarships assist in furthering the educational goals of disabled students and veterans from proceeds stemming from the Commission's Access Awards Luncheon. The Commission offers multiple scholarships within each of the three categories identified below:

Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter Scholarship Program is a program to honor the memory of former Commissioner Bernard Siegel who was a passionate and empathetic advocate for people with disabilities. He was a distinguished professional in the aerospace industry which included the LEM landing craft that successfully landed a man on the moon. It is also named after Bill Tainter who was the Executive Director for the State of California Department of Rehabilitation. He increased representation of people with disabilities in top-level management positions in the Department and was a nationally recognized leader and role model in the disability community. His work also included developing programs and workshops on disability awareness, as well as presentations on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) legislation.

Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Program is a program to honor the memory of former Commissioner Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr., who passed away in July 2007. Mr. Hamilton was a veteran of the Armed Forces and a life-long advocate for the disabled community.

Ruben Anthony Rios Creative Arts & Design Memorial Scholarship Program is a program to honor the memory of former Commissioner Ruben Anthony Rios, an artist and a life-long advocate for the disabled community.

The Commission collaborates with several agencies to distribute scholarship applications to young men and young women with disabilities who meet guidelines for financial need, and plan to pursue educational goals. These agencies include the Los Angeles County Children and Family Services Scholarship Division; local high schools, colleges and universities, the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability; East Los Angeles Regional Centers; State Department of Rehabilitation; and Centers for Independent Living and the Braille Institute.

During this reporting period, the Commission awarded \$25,000 in scholarships. This included fifty (50) \$500 educational scholarships to help students and veterans with disabilities pursue a higher education. The Board acknowledged these students/veterans at its meetings on June 26, 2018 and June 18, 2019.

2018/2019 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

2018/2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPEINTS

Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter Scholarship

<u>First District Recipients</u> <u>Second District Recipients</u>

Jennifer Aguas (2018) Janet Rojas (2019) Orlando Gertrudiz (2018) Nia Boyd (2019)
Armand Duran (2018) Denise Reynaga (2019) Geovany Rodriguez (2018) Ivory Beavers (2019)
Angel Potts (2018) Jose Dominguez (2019) Brandyn Phlegm (2019)

Waley Chan (2019) Michelle Diaz (2018 & 2019)

Third District Recipients

Nenette Lizaso (2018 & 2019) Lorena Flores (2018 & 2019) Saida Hernandez (2018 & 2019) Jean-Paul Pierre (2019)

Fourth District Recipients Fifth District Recipients

Irene Brownson (2018) Aran Shams (2019) Julian Carter (2018) Sierra DuNah (2019)

Andrea Gonzales-Diaz (2018) Anthony Emanule (2019) Angel Lawson-Williams Rodrigo Torres (2019) (2019)

Juan Garibay (2018 & 2019) Shawna Learned (2018 & 2019)

an Garibay (2018 & 2019) Snawna Learned (2018 & 2019) Ruth Mancilla (2018 & 2019)

Ruben Anthony Rios Creative Arts & Design Memorial Scholarship

<u>First District Recipients</u> <u>Second District Recipients</u>

Eddie Gonzalez (2018) Elijah Arzate (2018)
Carlos Vergara (2019) Lawrence Lancaster (2019)

Third District Recipient

Gaston Garcia (2018 & 2019)

<u>Fourth District Recipients</u>

Blanca Ortiz (2018)

<u>Fifth District Recipients</u>

Angel Lawson-Williams (2018)

Olivia Antwine (2019) Carlin Liang (2019)

Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

All Districts Recipients

Any Jomarron (2018) Donna Stubblefield (2019) Mario Perez (2018 & 2019)

Robert Greggs (2019)

MEETING PRESENTATIONS

The Commission on Disabilities' meetings are the primary vehicle through which information regarding issues, resources, services, and programs assisting and/or affecting people with disabilities are shared. Meetings are an important venue in which Commissioners, County Departments, non-profits, and disability-related stakeholders exchange information.

During the reporting period (January 1, 2018–December 31, 2019), the Commission held twenty-one (21) regular meetings, during which presentations from County departments, advocates and relevant disability-related stakeholders exchanged information on resources and programs for this community. Meeting presentations for this reporting period are listed below:

- Presentation by Commission Services on the County Commissions' Manual
- Presentation by the City of Los Angeles Commission on Disability on Emergency Preparedness,
 Homelessness & Housing, and Employment opportunities for the disability Community
- Presentation on LA Metro's TAP Services
- Presentation on LA Metro's Vision 2028 Draft Plan outlining its Strategic Goals for 2018 - 2028
- Presentation by the LA CO Chief Executive Office of the Homeless Initiative on Strategies to Address Homelessness for People with Disabilities
- Presentation on Fiesta Educativa Inc.'s Programs for Families with Children with Disabilities
- Presentation by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Dean C. Logan, on Voter Accessibility for People with Disabilities
- Presentation on LA CO Department of Public Works' Transportation Core Service Areas
- Presentation by the LA CO Departments of Public Health & Public Works on the County's New Traffic Safety Initiative, Vision Zero
- Presentation on Access Services Inc.'s Where's My Ride Application
- Presentation on Access Services Inc.'s Eligibility
 Process, Parents with Disabilities' Program, & Online
 Reservations
- Presentation on Danny's Farm Programs for Children with Special Needs/Adults with Developmental Differences

- Presentation by LA CO Department of Human Resources on Increasing Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities
- Presentation on Wayfinder Family Services' new Mental Health Services for individuals with Visual Impairments/Disabilities
- Presentation on Southern California Gas Company's Assistance Programs and Services for Families and Individuals with Disabilities
- Presentation by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Dean C. Logan, on Voter Accessibility for People with Disabilities
- Presentation by Cynthia Banks, Director of the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS), on WDACS efforts to increase employment opportunities for people with Disabilities
- Presentation by the (Promoters) of the LA CO
 Department of Mental Health on educational workshops for individuals and families seeking resources on prevention and early intervention services
- Presentation on LA CO Department of Public Works' Business Outreach and Technical Services Branch
- Presentation on the United American Indian Involvement Inc.'s Development Projects for People with Disabilities
- Presentation on Access Services Inc.'s (ASI's) American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Mandated Paratransit
 Transportation Program & ASI's Contracted
 Transportation Service Providers' Structure and Overview
- Presentation on the United American Indian Involvement Inc.'s Development Projects for People with Disabilities

REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2019

BRINGING OUR LOVED ONES HOME TASKFORCE (BOLOH)	COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP Carlos Benavides, Member Lourdes Caracoza
Access Services, Inc. Board of Directors	COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP John B. Troost, Member